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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: H-1B TECHNICAL SKILLS TRAINING GRANT SOLICITATION

On June 24, 2003, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training Administration, announced the availability of approximately \$50 million in competitive grant funds for technical skills training programs. These grants apply to the 25 percent of the total funds available for technical skills grants that are required by the American Competitiveness and Workforce Investment Act to be awarded to business partnerships or business-related nonprofit organizations. The partnership may also include any educational, labor, faith-based or community organization, or workforce investment board.

The H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants focus on addressing the high skill technology shortages of American businesses and are a long-term solution to domestic skills shortages in high skill and high technology occupations. Every effort will be made to fairly distribute grants across rural and urban areas and across the different geographic regions of the United States. It is anticipated that individual awards will not exceed \$3 million. Specific information regarding this solicitation is provided in the June 24, 2003, edition of the [Federal Register Volume 68, Number 121](#).

Applications under this announcement must be received by September 22, 2003, no later than 4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The DOL will not accept faxed applications. Please submit applications to the address shown below.

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Attention: Mamie D. Williams
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